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Dear Friends,

Let me introduce you to 'Operation Satellite', which is to occupy our churches as a project from the 16th April to 11th June.

It has been the longstanding tradition in our denomination for the children to have a special part in raising money for the mission of the church. It all started in the far off days of the London Missionary Society, when the children of the churches throughout the country collected their 'Ship' halfpennies to help finance the John Williams ships. I well remember going down to Manchester docks to represent a Sunday School and go on board the John Williams VI (that makes me feel very old!) The John Williams VII has just gone out of circulation after a long term in the South Pacific. There will be no more ships to follow the long line, which is very sad in one way, but understandable in another way:- the new ways of communication, like the aeroplane has led to quicker access among the islands. A long history of mission work, pioneered by our forefathers has come to an end. But the work of supporting mission must go on, by children and adults together.

Operation Satellite is the Space Age counterpart of collecting halfpennies. During the weeks after Easter, each of our churches will have a Satellite model present in church. Each week we will be able to plot the distance that the Satellite has completed. One complete orbit will signify that £1 has been collected for mission. The money will be brought forward with the offertory each service, and dedicated in the usual way.

The amount of money we raise, and how we raise it is in your hands. Every penny will send the Satellite on its way round another orbit. It is hoped that parents and children will co-operate, as well as the Pilot companies.

The money will go towards the target that the churches aim to meet this year. The climax will be at the United Youth Weekend which takes place in June, with a special morning service at St. Stephen's.

The countdown started last month 5..4..3..2..

Stand by for the blast off!!

Yours sincerely,

Glyn Jenkins

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BAPTISM

LUKE SAMUEL VINCENT, son of Mr. & Mrs. R. Vincent of 14 Salts Drive, Littleborough, was baptised by our minister on Sunday March 26th.

MARRIAGE

STUART ANDREW HOYLE of 22 Lilac Avenue to LINDA BUTTERWORTH of 26 Simeon Street, married at St. Stephen's on Saturday March 18th, the Revd. Glyn Jenkins officiating. Congratulations and good wishes.

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THE CARE SCHEME

With the change of appointments in the diaconate, the Care Areas have had to be revised: The following deacons will be responsible for the areas below:

Newhey: Mr. & Mrs. R. Gillon
Harbour Lane and Beechfield Estate:
Mr. B. Clough & Mr. A. Roberts
Firgrove, Cray, Dale Street, Stonefield Street:
Mrs. A. Scaddon
Ladyhouse: Mr. J. Emmott
Royds Street to Charles Lane:
Mr. G. Whitworth & Mr. H. Whitehead.
Holt Estate: Mrs. N. Settle
Parklands and Newfield View etc.: Mr. K. Hey

MEETING OF ALL CHURCH VISITORS

In order to reinforce the work of visiting in the Care Areas, we are hoping to appoint visitors to the various areas, under deacons' supervision.
A meeting has been called at 8.15 pm. on Wednesday April 12th, following A SHORT Deacon's meeting, to sort this out. People already on the visiting rota will be receiving a personal invitation. Anyone else who wishes to help in this capacity will be most welcome.

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ROCHDALE COLLEGE LECTURES:

These continue in the month of April, when the lecturers will be the Rev. A. Burnham and the Rev. D. Jenkins. The subjects and dates are:

Thursday April 13th: THE SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE
Subjects to be dealt with include
Abortion and euthanasia.

Thursday April 20th: ANYTHING GOES
Obscenity, sensorship and the Christian

Lecturer for both: Rev. A. BURNHAM B.A.

Thursday April 27th: THE MESSAGE OF DANIEL
Visions and stories for a time of crisis.
Resistance under pressure.

Lecturer: Rev. D. JENKINS B.A., B.D., S.T.M.

Your support at these lectures will be welcome.
7.30 pm. The Lecture theatre, Rochdale College.

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The ANNUAL RALLY OF THE BURY CONGREGATIONAL BOARD will be held on Wednesday April 26th, when the Chairman of the Congregational Church in England and Wales, Mrs. Gwen Hall B.A., will be the guest speaker. It is to take place in the Methodist Church at the centre of Bury at 7.30 p.m.
(This modernised church is well worth a visit)

OUT ON TOUR

On Saturday April 15th, a group of singers from St. Stephen's will be going to the Congregational College in Manchester to give an anthology of music on the life of Christ. It is the occasion of the Annual Conference of the Lancashire Congregational Union Lay Preachers' Association. Also taking part will be Miss Elizabeth Leach from Littleborough Congregational Church since the three quarters of an hour programme will include some poetry. Other members of the Bury and Ochdale District Lay Preachers Association will be taking part during the course of the evening.

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FAMILY CHURCH READINGS: April

These: God's Continuing work:
The Risen Christ and the Holy Spirit

Beginners: It's wonderful
Primary: Wonder and worship
Juniors: Wonderful People
Seniors: Wonderful Inspiration
Young People: Never the same again
Adults: Continuing Revolution

Readings:

April 2nd: Luke 24: 1-16, 28-35 'Risen Indeed'
9th: Matthew 28: 16-20 'The Work goes on.'
16th: Exodus 35: 20-35; 36: 1; 39: 43. 'Inspired to create'
23rd: 11 Sam. 23: 13-17 'Inspired to courage'
30th: Isaiah 2: 1-5 'Inspired to belong
May 7th: Acts 26: 9-20 'Inspired to serve'

A KUSHY TIME AT THE 21 CLUB

Last month's meeting of the 21 Club enjoyed an evening in the company of Mr. Brian Cosby who was a member of the 6 man Manchester-Hindu Kush expedition in 1966. His talk was well illustrated with slides showing the journey by truck through Turkey and Persia to Kabal the capital of Afghanistan. Some of the route was in the steps of Ghengis Khan and Marco Polo with conditions in many cases little changed since the time of these earlier travellers. Among the speaker's memories of the trip were the friendships made, the pack horses and donkeys, bread-making, tea houses, teaching Afghan porters how to play pontoon and peggy, the exhilarating air at the mountain camps and near tragedy at the end of the expedition when the truck overturned and four members were injured. The evening ended with much questioning about the cost, equipment and how to get permission from the wife to join Mr. Cosby's next expedition.

Since Mr. Cosby was unable to answer this last question members are being urged to attempt the next most exciting thing which is giving a hand with the modernisation scheme.

The next 21 Club meeting will be in May and the Secretary Mr. Emmott is working on an interesting and varied programme to cover the next 12 months.

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T H R I F T S H O P

Thursday 11th & Friday 12th May
2.00 - 4.00 pm. & 6.30 - 8.00 pm. each day

Start spring cleaning now!!!!

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WOMEN'S GUILD NEWS

WOMEN'S GUILD TAKES UP IDOLATORY

The theme at the annual rally of the Bury and Rochdale District Women's Guild was "Idols." Members from all over the the district met in the Bury Methodist Church on 1st March when Mrs. Gillon, the District President, led the service and welcomed Rev. G. Jenkins, the District Chairman. Thanks are expressed to those who provided transport.

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On 7th March 28 members were present to hear Mrs. A. Henderson, wife of the vicar of Newhey, give a talk on the troublesome subject of "Suffering."

The following week the mood was lighter for the occasion of Harwood's fashion show at which we all saw "Just what we wanted." This event raised £18.

4th April meeting: "The Sweet Serenaders."

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Please note the following dates for future meetings:

Tuesday 11th April (ROCHDALE LOCAL GROUP)
Ladies Auxiliary Annual Meeting
at Milton - 3.0 p.m.

* Wednesday 3rd May (COUNTY)
Annual Meeting at Providence Comg. Church, Middleton.
11.00 am. Business Meeting
2.30 pm. Rally
Speaker: Dr. Grant of Ashton.

* Tuesday 9th May (BURY & ROCHDALE DISTRICT)
Summer Rally at Bamford 3.0 pm.

* To help catering arrangements, the approximate number of ladies attending each meeting will be required. Will ladies wishing to go, please put their name on the list in the porch.

Is that little province across the sea really ungovernable? For centuries these people have had a reputation for causing trouble at the slightest provocation and their religious extremism is well known. Most of us at home wish that our troops were not involved but they are: they have the thankless task of trying to keep the peace and inevitably becoming the target for attack from both sides.

Nobody knows this better than Govenor Pilate. On the one hand he has to deal with a vanguard of pharisees; a well entrenched and puritanical group who claim the support of the majority. On the other hand, there is the provisional Herod government who have caused much bloodshed and are regarded by their enemies as agents of foreign power. Both sides seem determined to provoke our troops.

Only the other day a Galilean agitator sneaked into Jerusalem to stir up trouble among the passover crowds. Although he successfully avoided security checks by entering on a donkey, his over-enthusiastic supporters soon drew attention to him and after this he seems to have gone to pieces. His panic-stricken insistence that he was on a peaceful mission antagonised the militants and a hysterical outburst in the temple showed the moderates that the man was unreliable. From then on the unfortunate fellow appears to have lost credibility and the opposing sides worked together to dispose of him in a manner calculated to cause maximum discredit to the Roman authorities. Govenor Pilate seems to have acted with tact, calmness and firm decision but he must feel now that there is a divine conspiracy against him because despite his diplomacy there is already a pernicious rumour abroad that the man has come back from the dead. This could be the start of further trouble and Pilate must by now be wishing that he could seek the council of some Prince of Peace.

C.C.W.M.

SERVICE SATELLITE - CCWM 1 - NEWS FLASH.....

LIFT OFF	SPLASH DOWN
Sunday 16th April	Sunday 11th June
11.00 am.	11.00 am.

Message continues....."Satellite Scheme" is a new idea brought out to raise money for Missions on Planet Earth and will run for a two month period from our church.....

..... Earthlings can support the scheme by popping an odd copper (p. not P.C.) in the collecting box which will be on a display stand in church each Sunday. For children and Pilots there will be special collecting cards and receipt cards obtainable from Mrs. M. Howarth, World Mission Secretary.....

..... Listen for details at the Lift Off during Morning Service on 16th April.....

.....Message ends.....

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SCRIPTURE CAKE

1. ½ lb. Judges Chap 5, v 25
2. ½ lb. Jeremiah chap 6, v 20
3. 1 tablespponful 1 Samuel chap 14, v 25
4. 3 Jeremiah chap 17, v 11
5. ½ lb. 1 Samuel chap 30, v 12
6. ½ lb. Nahum chap 3, v 12 (chopped)
7. 2 ozs. Numbers chap 17, v 8 (chopped)
8. 1 lb. 1 Kings chap 4, v 22
9. Season with 11 Chronicles chap 9, v 9
10. A pinch of Leviticus chap 2, v 13
11. 1 teaspoonful Amos chap 4, v 5
12. 3 tablespoonfuls Judges chap 4, v 19

Note Leaven is like unto baking powder.

Beat 1, 2 & 3 to a cream. Add 4 one at a time still beating, then 5, 6 chopped and 7 blanched and chopped Mix 8, 9 10 & 11 and add. Finally add 12.

JUNIOR CHURCH ANNIVERSARY

SUNDAYm 30th APRIL

10.30 am. & 6.0 pm.

Preacher: Rev. G. JENKINS B.A., B.D.

10.30 am. Festival Service by Junior Church

"OUR CHURCH - CALLED AND SENT"

Everyone Welcome

CHURCH SECRETARY IN A HOLE

Mr. Bill Griffiths was the speaker at the March meeting of the Men's fellowship. His subject was "Potholing and Caving" which he illustrated with colour slides and took the members on an imaginary caving expedition from the camp site to the bowels of the earth and back - to safety

All the equipment for this exhillarating sport was explained in detail and there were many pictures and newspaper cuttings on display.

Mr. Nairn moved a vote of thanks and the evening ended with a supper of pies and peas.

JUBILEE

Littleborough Women's Guild has now passed its 60th Birthday; the first meeting was held at 124 Hare Hill Road on the 8th March 1912 - the day the world learned that Amundsen had been to the South Pole and a month before the Titanic disaster. Three of the original members of the Guild are still attached: Mrs. Hoyle, Mrs. M.G. Hill and Mrs. Wade.
We send our best wishes for the next 60 years.

At the A.G.M. held in March all the officers were re-elected but there were no volunteers for the post of Sick Visitor, so this remains vacant.

The Guild have taken a leaf out of the Busy Bees Book and started a series of coffee evenings in members homes. The first of these was held on March 22nd at the home of Mrs. J. Lord and the next will be at 2, Centre Vale on Tuesday 18th April at 7.30 pm. Admission 10p. for Church funds.

OFFICERS

The up to date list of officers for the women's organisations is as follows:-

Women's Guild	President) Treasuruer)	Mrs. C. Hill
	Vice President	Mrs. K. Hill
	Secretary	Mrs. A. Stott
	Auditor	Mrs. E. Holt
	Pianist	Mrs. E. Cockcroft
Busy Bees	President	Mrs. J. Horridge
	Secretary	Mrs. B. Hartley
	Treasurer	Mrs. S. Moss
	Publicity	Mrs. H. Vincent

CHURCH DUTIES - MILNROW

FAMILY WORSHIP DOOR STEWARDS

April 2nd	Mrs. F. Whitworth	Mrs. J. Duffy
9th	Mr. L. Whittaker	Mrs. F. Rae
16th	Mr. W. Holland	Mr. P. Whitehead
23rd	Mr. A. Bruckshaw	Mrs. L. Rawling
30th	Mr. G. Buckley	Mr. A. Rae
May 7th	Mr. H. Mellor	Mrs. F. Butterworth
14th	Mr. D. Fursey	Miss M. Wood

DEACONS ROTA

EVENING DOOR STEWARDS		PIANIST EVENING WORSHIP
April 2nd	NO EVENING WORSHIP	
9th	Mr. R. Gillon Mr. K. Hey	Mrs. E. Starkie
16th	Mr. J. Emmott Mrs. A. Scaddon	Mr. C. Hey
23rd	NO EVENING SERVICE	
30th	LITTLEBOROUGH ANNIVERSARY	
May 7th	Mrs. E. Gillon Mr. B. Clough	Mrs. E. Starkie
14th	Mrs. A. Scaddon Mr. G. Whitworth	

COMMUNION ROTA

April 9th	Mr. J. Emmott	Mr. H. Whitehead
23rd	Mr. A. Roberts (am.)	Mr. G. Whitworth
May 7th	Mrs. E. Gillon	Mrs. N. Settle

FAMILY CHURCH COFFEE ROTA

April 2nd	Mrs. A. Whitworth	Mrs. N. Settle
9th	Mrs. D. Howarth	Mrs. M. Mellor
16th	Mrs. J. Cudworth	Mrs. A. Roberts
23rd	Mrs. C.Clough	Mrs. P. Royle
30th	Mrs. E. Busil	Miss I. Tither
May 7th	Mrs. H. Buckley	Mrs. E. Smith
14th	Miss M. Wood	Miss A. Clegg

Persons unable to take their appointments as listed are expected to find a suitable substitute

ST. STEPHEN'S DIARY

April

Sun.	2nd	11.00 am.	Rev. G. Jenkins (Easter Sunday)
			No evening worship
Tue.	4th	7.30 pm.	Women's Guild -Musical evening
Sat.	8th	7.30 pm.	OLD TIME MUSIC HALL
Sun.	9th	11.00 am.	To be announced
		6.00 pm.	
Mon.	10th	8.00 pm.	M.M. Committee
Tue.	11th	3.00 pm.	Ladies Auxiliary at Milton
Wed.	12th	7.30 pm.	Deacons Meeting
		8.15 pm.	Church Visitors' Meeting
Thur.	13th	7.30 pm.	Rochdale College Lecture
Sat.	15th	Lancashire Lay Preachers' Conference	
Sun.	16th	11.00 am.	Rev. G. Jenkins (Launching of Operation Satellite)
		6.00 pm.	Rev. G. Jenkins
Thur.	20th	7.30 pm.	Rochdale College Lecture
Sat.	22nd	Assembley of Lancs. Cong. Union	
Sun.	23rd	11.00 am.	Rev. G. Jenkins (Family Comm.)
		6.30 pm.	UNITED MISSIONARY SERVICE at Castleton Cong.Church.
			No evening worship at Milnrow
Wed.	26th	7.30 pm.	Bury Board Annual Rally Speaker: Mrs. Gwen Hall M.A. (Chairman C.C.E.W.)
Thur.	27th	7.30 pm.	Rochdale College Lecture
Fri.	28th	7.30 pm.	Finance Committee
Sun.	30th	11.00 am.	Mr. J. Lord
		6.00 pm.	Littleborough Anniversary
			No evening worship at Milnrow.

May

Wed.	3rd	2.45 pm.	Lancs. County Women's Guild Rally at Middleton.

COMMUNION TABLE FLOWERS

April	2nd	Mrs. L. Cross	Mr. K.Hey Mrs.E. King
	9th	Mr. A. Heaton	
	16th	Mrs. B. Stott	Mrs. A. Prestwich
	23rd	Mrs. G. Buckley	
	30th	Mrs. S. Jenkins	
May	7th	Mrs. Martha Wood	

CHURCH DUTIES - LITTLEBOROUGH

SIDESMEN

April	2nd	Mr. H. Hill	Mr. Booth
	9th	Mr. Nairn	Mr. J. Hill
	16th	Mr. Beattie	Mr. E. Holt
	23rd	Mr. Ingham	Mr. Barker
	30th	JUNIOR CHURCH ANNIVERSARY	
May	7th	Mr. H. Hill	Mr. J. Hill

DEACONS COMMUNION ROTA

April 9th 10.30 am. Mr. Griffiths & Mr. Simpson

COFFEE ROTA

April	2nd	B. Griffiths	A. Merrick
	9th	S. Moss	W. Spinks
	16th	J. Horridge	J. Hobbs
	23rd	P. Lightfoot	B. Hartley
	30th	B. Leach	V. Crossley
May	7th	A. Tomlinson	J. Law

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FAMILY CHURCH READINGS

April	2nd	(Easter) 'Risen indeed' Luke 24: 1-16, 28-35	Mrs. K. Hill
	9th	'The Work goes on' Matthew 28: 16-20	Steven Moss
	16th	'Inspired to create' Exodus 35: 20-35 " 36: 1 " 39: 43	Elizabeth Leach
	23rd	'Inspired to courage' 2 Samuel 23: 13-17	Martin Law
	30th	JUNIOR CHURCH ANNIVERSARY	
May	7th	'Inspired to serve' Acts 26: 9-20	Mrs. P. Lightfoot

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LITTLEBOROUGH DIARY

April

Sun.	2nd	10.30 am.	Mrs. E. Gillon (Easter Day)
Thur.	6th	6.30 pm.	Pilots
Sun.	9th	10.30 am.	Rev. G. Jenkins (Family Comm.)
Tues.	11th	3.00 pm.	Ladies Auxiliary A.G.M. (Milton)
Thur.	13th	6.30 pm.	Pilots (JUMBLE SALE)
Sun.	16th	10.30 am.	Mr. T.L. Baxter (Stand)
Tues.	18th	7.30 pm.	Women's Guild (AT HOME at: 2, Centre Vale)
Thur.	20th	6.30 pm.	Pilots
		8.00 pm.	Men's Fellowship (Alderman Cyril Smith)
Sun.	23rd	10.30 am.	Mr. A. Cooper (Castleton)
		6.30 pm.	UNITED MISSIONARY SERVICE at Castleton Cong. Church
Thur.	27th	6.30 pm.	Pilots
Sun.	30th	. .	JUNIOR CHURCH ANNIVERSARY
		10.30 am.	Rev. G. Jenkins - Pageant by Junior Church
		6.00 pm.	" - Evening Worship

May

Sun.	7th	10.30 am.	Mr. D.S. Nuttall (Hallfold)
Tues.	9th	7.30 pm.	Deacons Meeting

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COMMUNION TABLE FLOWERS

April	2nd	Mrs. Cockcroft
	9th	Mrs. Priestley
	16th	Mrs. W. Barker
	23rd	Mrs. Hill
	30th	JUNIOR CHURCH ANNIVERSARY
May	7th	Mrs. R. Holt
	14th	Mrs. Jowett

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In the Republic and in Northern Ireland;
For their children's sakes and for their own,
That the voice of the Prince of Peace may be
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Our Broken-ness is our despair and our hope O God
For we are so crushed and weighed down
That we cannot know ourselves or love others,
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By being non-people.
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broken-ness
And through His despair to find our world's
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